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SUBJECT: EXBS: TURKEY ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE
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1. Summary: EXBS advisor spent this month primarily focused on ensuring previously introduced initiatives remained on track and continued to develop. The advisor participated in meetings concerning the NP Agreement, development of the Commodity Identification Training (CIT) plan and Turkish Customs Service prioritization of engagement opportunities. Finally, EXBS advisor coordinated the successful visit of the Interpol/DOE Threat Reduction Initiative Training (CRITr) program team. This program provided training and equipment to the Turkish National Police to improve their radiological sensing capabilities.

2. Completed Actions for the Reporting Period

A. Site Assessment and Meetings During Recent Reporting Period

1) November 2- EXBS advisor met with Department Head for Customs Enforcement Mehmet Guzel. EXBS advisor presented an outline for the development of the CIT Training Plan for the recently presented DOE program. EXBS Advisor was invited to participate in the upcoming planning meeting for the CIT plan. EXBS advisor also prioritized with Guzel GOT requests for US assistance in improving the capabilities of Turkish customs.

2) November 4 - EXBS advisor participated in the Embassy Border security working group meeting. This meeting is a key way in which the Embassy can review the various programs that are involved in assisting the GOT in making there borders more secure.

3) November 12- EXBS advisor met with MFA Head of Department, Arms Control and Disarmament Bulent Meric. EXBS advisor reviewed the current status of the CIT, ICP, SLD programs and discussed the program and Turkey's future participation in the PSI experts working group. EXBS Advisor presented official notification of the upcoming CRITr visit.

4) November 18- EXBS Advisor attended a Turkish Customs meeting to develop a training plan in support of the DOE CIT. An outline for the training plan was constructed as well as a determination of the various levels of training and annual goals for initial and refresher training. Additional meetings will be required to formalize the plan and incorporate additional required information. Following this meeting, EXBS advisor presented to Mehmet Guzel, Department Head for Customs Enforcement, an overview presentation of a Targeting and Risk Management Workshop that could be customize for Turkey. Guzel told advisor that he would review the information and would be able to discuss it in the near future.

5) November 18- EXBS advisor met with Head of Department, Arms Control and Disarmament Bulent Meric, to deliver several NP- related demarches and discuss various NP issues. EXBS advisor also discussed the latest proposed NP Agreement, noting minor comments from Washington concerning the Turkish proposal. EXBS Advisor negotiated compromise language that is currently being vetted with Washington. If approved by USG, Meric will advocate interagency approval by the GOT.

6) November 23- EXBS Advisor participated in meetings led by ICE Attach Robert Stiriti, who briefed a GOT interagency group, including officials from MFA, the Foreign Trade Undersecretariat (FTU), the Customs U/S, the Security General Directorate of the Interior Ministry, and the Maritime U/S, on expanding the Container Security Initiative (CSI) to the Turkish port of Izmir. During separate meetings, Turkish officials, including Acting Customs U/S Riza Tuna Turagay and MFA Deputy Director General for Aviation and Maritime Affairs Vakur Gozdenizler, reaffirmed Turkey's interest in joining CSI. While Turkey is very interested in CSI, there are several issues including equipment shortfalls and a legal review by the GOT, which need to be resolved.

7) November 29-December 4- Interpol/ Department of Energy Radiological Threat Reduction Initiative Training (CRITr) team visited Turkey to oversee training and the transfer of equipment to the Turkish National Police.

B. Training Conducted During Reporting Period:

1) Nov 29- Dec 4- 30 Members of the Turkish National Police were trained to detect and mitigate radiological security threats and how to remain competent in the use of basic radiological sensing devices. An additional 30 National Police members will be trained during the week of Dec 6-10, by qualified Turkish instructors.

C. Equipment Delivered During Reporting Period:

1) Although not part of the EXBS program, EXBS advisor facilitated the donation of nearly \$40,000 of basic radiation protection equipment to the Turkish National Police. This equipment was provided through the joint INTERPOL/DOE Radiological Threat Reduction Initiative Program.

D. Imminent Training or Equipment Status Update: None

E. Significant Developments in Export Controls, Nonproliferation, or Related Border Security

1) The United States received the formal Turkish reply to the U.S. comments on the NP Agreement. These latest comment were forwarded to Washington for comment and approval.

3. Future Activities

A. Dec 23- Jan 3- EXBS Advisor will be on in-country leave.

B. Jan 10- 14, 2005 (tent)- DOC team scheduled to visit Ankara to introduce the Product Identification Tool to members of the Turkish government. This tool can improve the resources available to Turkish Customs official at the border processing locations.

C. Feb 21-25, 2005 (tent)- DOE SLD Team to conduct follow on visit to Ankara to coordinate required implementation agreements, finalize list of priority of border locations for installation of equipment and to begin planning for site surveys. This visit is dependent on the status of NP Cooperation Agreement.

E. Mar 21-24 2005 - EXBS Advisor to conduct program consultations in Washington DC.

4. Red Flag Issues

A. Finally approval of the U.S. Turkey NP Cooperation Agreement is needed in order for the EXBS program to begin to have an impact in Turkey. Without this agreement, which has been in negotiations for over two years, training and equipment cannot begin in Turkey. Post awaits Washington's reply to the Turkish comments and is prepared to expedite presentation to GOT in hopes of a quick approval.

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